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CABLE MODEM THAT CAN PREVENT MODEM SIGNAL FROM TRANSFERRING TO AN HFC NETWORK WHEN INTERNAL CIRCUIT OF

THE CABLE MODEM OPERATES ABNORMALLY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and §§1.97 and 1.98 as amended, Applicant cites, provides copies and discusses the following art references:

| U.S. Patent No. | <u>Inventor</u> | <u>Date</u> | | |
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| 6,662,368 | Cloonan et al. | 12/9/2003 | | |
| 6,588,016 | Chen et al. | 7/1/2003 | | |
| 5,835,125 | Bhagavath | 11/10/1998 | | |
| 5,790,806 | Koperda | 8/4/1998 | | |

Cloonan et al.'368 discloses variable spare circuit group size and quantity having multiple active circuits.

Chen et al.'016 discloses method and apparatus for locating a faulty component in a cable television system having cable modems.

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Bhagavath'125 discloses self-healing configuration for delivering data services on a hybrid

fiber-coaxial (HFC) network.

Koperda'806 discloses cable data network architecture.

The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other

or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-

ranging and thorough search of the relative arts.

No fee is incurred by this Statement.

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